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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

PRESENTED AT THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
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Agenda for the Annual Meeting

Call to order and invocation - Rev. Marilyn Anderson

Election of Clerk of Annual Meeting

Presentation and ratification of the roll of communicants

Approval of minutes of January 2025 meeting

Thank you to outgoing vestry member, Marian Beers

Election of Wardens, Treasurer, and Vestry Members

Sr. Warden: Linda Lloyd

Jr. Warden: Cheryl Duntz

Treasurer: ME Freeman

Clerk: Jim Conzo

Vestry:

Al Dorf

Michael Cuoco

Theresa Kenny

Barry Anderson

Jarrod Sisk

Emily DiMartino

Election of delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention:

Jim Conzo

Reports:

Stewardship and Treasurers Reports

Motion to accept other reports as presented in this Annual Report

Old Business

New Business

Benediction and Adjournment

Voting Members

Barry Anderson	Pari Forood	Leslie O'Neill
The Rev. Marilyn Anderson	Lisa Ford	Theodore O'Neill
Patricia Barton*	Arthur C. Fort	Randy Orzano
Stuyvesant Bearns*	M. E. Freeman	Mary D. Priestman
Beverly Becker*	Danielle A. Gaherty *	Thomas C. Ragan *
David B. Beers	Christine Gevert	Susanna Schindler
Marian K. Beers	Gordon Gustafson	Tom Schindler
Roy Bickley	Gretchen Hachmeister	Judith Sherman *
Eleanore Boyse	Marilyn Hardy*	Jarrod Sisk
Matthew Boyse	Fred Harris*	Michelle Sisk
Geoffrey Brown	Sally Harris*	Emma Sisk
Mary Anne Carley	Sandra Hartley *	Brennan Sisk
Heather Chapman*	Carol Hoskins *	Mary Sullivan
James Conzo	Robert Hoskins *	Alan Swide
Joseph Costa	Stephen W. "Bill" Jenks	Helen Symons *
Michael Cuoco	Brian Kenny	Carol Taylor *
Calpurnia Davis *	Theresa Kenny	Maureen Tesoro*
DeeDee Davis *	Celia Kirby	Alison Tripp
Richard Dawson	Richard Kirby*	Gary Tripp
Virginia Dildine *	John Kuhns *	Janet Walker
Emily DiMartino	Rachel Lamb	Diane Walters
Al Dorf	John Lloyd	Arete Warren *
Kathy Drake*	Linda Lloyd	Norma Wright
Cheryl Duntz	Maurice Maddox *	
Russell Duntz	Elyse Nelson	
Courtney Duntz*	J. Keith Nolan *	
Christopher Duntz*		

- Excused by reason of disability, illness, distance, etc.

76 Total, minus 28 excused = 48 against which quorum is calculated.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting Feb 2, 2025

The Meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM.

A Motion was made by Geoff Brown to elect Jim Conzo clerk of the meeting. The motion was carried and all voted in favor.

Presentation and Ratification of the roll of communicants.

Presentation of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 21, 2024. Geoff Brown moved to accept the minutes that were prepared last year by Jim Conzo. All voted in favor.

Rector's thank you to the Parish. Heidi expressed her wish that everyone read all of the reports as they represent a lot of work, especially on the part of the ten people who wrote most of the reports. She expressed her hope that the work might be more evenly distributed next year. She especially thanked the vestry and officers for all of the hard work they do throughout the year. Also special thanks to Cheryl Duntz, Theresa Kenny, and Senior Warden Linda Lloyd for staying on in this transitional year.

Election of the vestry members and delegates to the Annual Convention. The clerk made a motion that we cast one ballot for the entire slate of vestry and convention delegates. This was seconded by Geoff Brown and approved by all. The parish welcomed the new vestry.

Senior Warden's Report . Linda Lloyd thanked Heidi for all of the many things she does for Trinity while encouraging all of us to step up as we begin to try to fill her shoes.

Treasurer's and Stewardship Report. M. E. Freeman expressed amazement and thanks that we ended the year in the black. We are starting the year off in a stronger position than we did a year ago. She expressed thanks to Al Dorf for all of his work in preparing the new budget. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's and Stewardship Report. All voted in favor.

Reports. Bev Becker noted that the Report lists all of the many events under the Outreach umbrella and that although we did not have a Chocolate Sunday in 2024 we will indeed have one on March 2, just before Ash Wednesday. It will not be a fundraiser but will be free to all. There will also be a baptism on that Sunday. Pat Barton's grandchild will be baptized. Bev asked for more help with the Outreach events. Theresa Kenny asked for a new co-chair for her Art Show with Stephanie Barrett leaving the area. Marion spoke about Hospitality and Safe Church Training. Theo was thanked for his donation of the Coffee Machine and supplying us with great coffee.

Old Business. Heidi made an appeal to Trinity to create a pastoral care team. She spends a lot of her time making pastoral visits. There are parishioners who badly need this attention. "It is important for everyone to feel part of this congregation." Marilyn Anderson spoke about how rewarding pastoral care is, even for the caregiver. Barry Anderson noted that supply clergy do not have the hours available to make pastoral visits. Maureen Tesoro spoke about how thankful she is that Heidi made so many visits to her sick husband Michael. Christine Gevert spoke about

how Heidi's visit to Martha Nesbitt really brightened her day. This was just days before her passing.

New Business. Vecinos Seguros is back. It is now called Vecinos Seguros 2. It was a very vibrant ministry from 2016 to 2020 helping to protect members of our community that were threatened with deportation. It is still headed by John Carter, along with Jill Drew, and Sofia and Lee DeBoer. Trinity Church is providing space and acting as fiduciary for VS2. The first meeting will be held here at Trinity on Feb 16 at 4 PM. On March 6, AG William Tong will speak here at Trinity on this subject.

Memorial Day Tag Sale on Saturday May 24 in Reid Field. Details are still being worked out but basically Trinity will just be renting spots in the field. Cleanup is the responsibility of the renters.

Parking for Martha Nesbitt's funeral on February 22 will be concert-style and Trinity volunteers will coordinate it. There will be many attendees for Martha's funeral.

Lime Rock Park has asked us to park cars in Reid Field for a NASCAR race on June 27 and 28. It is the NASCAR Truck Series. If necessary they will supply some Explorers to help with parking. Trinity will set the fee for parking and collect the money.

The latest Habitat House still does not have a C of O as it is considered too "air-tight" and thus the family has not been able to occupy it!

Heidi gave a closing Benediction.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted ,

Jim Conzo, clerk of the vestry

Parish Statistics 2025

Baptisms:

Sybil Marie Nelson Costa

Olivia Bottum

Jace Michael Francis Davis

Confirmations and Receptions into the Episcopal Church:

(none)

Burials:

Feb 22 - Martha Nesbitt

April 5 - Jane Lipton

May 10 - Elizabeth Sanderson (cemetery service)

May 17 - Michael Tesoro

June 24 - Titus (cemetery burial)

July 12 - Keith Johnson

July 26 - Mary Steel Cooney

July 31 - Richard Stone

September 27 - Jeremy Dakin

Weddings:

(none)

Average Sunday Attendance in person	45
Physical attendance including nursing home services	49
Average Attendance Sunday services online viewers only)	16 (online attendance includes live

Easter Attendance:

In person: 120

Online: (not available due to vendor change)

Christmas Attendance:

In person: 103

Online: 21

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lloyd, Senior Warden

Wardens' Reports

Senior Warden's Report

Well, 2025 was quite a year at Trinity Church. I think we covered all the emotions; joy and gratitude celebrating Heidi's 16 year ministry and remembering all she accomplished during her tenure. Shock when she left and it hit home that she was really gone. Sorrow, and some anger, that she wasn't there and we had to stand on our own feet and carry on. To compound it all was the loss of beloved parishioners, Fred Baldwin, Richard Stone, and Jeremy Dakin. We went into a collective mourning.

Then we did what we needed to do, we carried on. We organized and visited the shut-ins. We warmly welcomed new supply priests, often a new one each week. We made repairs and took care of our building. We governed ourselves. Most importantly we made the momentous decision to speak to our neighbors at Trinity Torrington and go into a sharing relationship with them. As we enter 2026 we are only awaiting the final paperwork from the Diocese to begin advertising for a new priest.

This doesn't mean our work is done. As a half time parish we will have to continue to shoulder the jobs that need doing and not expect a new rector to just take them on. We have proven we can take care of our family and I know we will continue to do that in the years to come.

With gratitude,

Linda Lloyd
Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Report

Welcome 2026!

As we prepared for Rev. Heidi's departure, Linda and I started to work and learned all of the many roles that Heidi had played while with us for 16 years. Not an easy task. We took on the daily operations of both a building and a congregation. I was excited for Heidi's new chapter and a little weary of ours and just say a lot of prayers were being recited.

We lost five Trinity members in 2025 starting with Martha Nesbitt, Jane Lipton, Richard Stone, Fred Baldwin and Jeremy Dakin. All played pivotal roles at Trinity. They will be greatly missed.

Transitioning into uncertainty was sometimes stressful but once again we pulled together and worked to make each Sunday a place of worship and friendship. Starting a relationship with Trinity Torrington turned into an exciting chapter that we look forward to finalizing in 2026, sharing a half time priest.

I believe the Vestry has worked tremendously hard on the new budget and hope that going forward we can all rely on each other to make Trinity Lime Rock a welcome and safe community for people to come and join us in faith, fellowship and hospitality.

Peace and Love

Cheryl Duntz
Junior Warden

Treasurer's Report

2025 was an unusual year for Trinity in several respects, including from a financial and budget standpoint. On the expense side the amount budgeted for clergy commission wound up being less the actual amount expended due to the fact that we did not hire a new rector in 2025 and thus relied on supply priests. On the income side we collected less in pledges than budgeted due to the deaths of generous parishioners. On the revenue side we collected a much larger amount from fundraising than budgeted due to the opportunity we were given to charge Lime Rock Park NASCAR attendees to park in our field. The net effect of all these factors was that while the 2025 budget showed a small net deficit we ended the year with a net surplus.

Despite having fewer pledging units in 2026 than in 2025, more was pledged than we expected for 2026 given the loss of parishioners in 2025. This was due to new pledgers and increased pledges from existing pledgers. I am pleased to report that the 2026 budget shows a net surplus.

We have also received a very significant and unexpected bequest from the estate of a parishioner who died in 2025. While this bequest is not reflected in our budget it will result in our receiving extra income from our investments in 2026 and in years to come. This reminds me to ask all our parishioners to please consider including Trinity in their wills and estate plans.

Respectfully submitted,
M. E. Freeman, Treasurer

Flower Committee Report

The flower committee, Tom Schindler, Marilyn Anderson, Marian Beers, Michelle Sisk and myself arrange flowers on the Saturday before Sunday services. On the fourth Sunday of Lent daffodils were placed in the windows. For Easter Sunday the church was decorated with lilies, cut flowers and the poles were decorated. During Advent, greens were placed. The week of Christmas the church was decorated with poinsettias and candles in the windows with ivy. The poles were adorned with flowers, ivy and candles. The flowers are offered up to God and are in memory of a loved one. The usual donation is a \$50.00 with a note to Nancy. Michelle has taken a brief time off. This year I will have to search for new committee members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Kenny, Flower Chair

Adult Christian Formation Report

Adult Education; Bible Explorer's Class from January through June 2025

We began 2025 by diving into the final book of the Bible: the Revelation to John. Although Revelation can be a challenging and complex book, we found it deeply rewarding and became more comfortable exploring its apocalyptic imagery and meaning.

As is our custom in this group, we alternate between studying the Christian Scriptures (New Testament) and the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). After Revelation, we turned to selected psalms from the Book of Psalms. We chose psalms that reflect a wide range of human emotions—happiness, anger, joy, hope, and more—gaining a deeper appreciation for the honesty and spiritual richness of these ancient prayers.

Since the pandemic began, our Bible study has met on Zoom. This format has allowed for rich and lively discussions and has made it possible for participants from outside our immediate area to join us—something that wouldn't have been feasible if we were still meeting in person. Many members of the group have taken turns leading sessions, offering diverse perspectives and voices. It's been a blessing to hear from one another and grow together in our understanding of scripture.

Most recently, we studied the Gospel of Luke. Since 2025 is Year C in the Revised Common Lectionary, many of the stories we read are ones we've heard—or will hear—during Sunday worship this year, making the experience even more relevant and meaningful.

It has been a true joy to be part of these online Bible exploration discussions. I learned so much, and I loved the shared discovery of new insights alongside this thoughtful and faithful group.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Truax

Sunday School/Youth Report

Sunday School Report for January through June 2025

I've truly enjoyed teaching Sunday School over the past few years. It's been a joy to help our children learn the basics of our faith—while also having fun, playing games, and growing in their understanding of why it's important to care for others in our community.

This half-year, we worked on a couple of skits based on Bible stories. In doing so, we learned how to bring the stories of Jesus to life in creative and engaging ways.

The boys also drew pictures during a Sunday service to help illustrate what they were learning. These drawings were shared with the congregation, and in this way the children took the lead in teaching the adults about some parts of the Holy Eucharist service.

Our thank offering collections continued this year, held about once a month. In May, the children decided together where to donate the funds. With a little extra support from the Rector's Discretionary Fund, we were able to send \$250 to support the public libraries in Sharon and Salisbury.

We had a creative day making mosaic picture frames, and several of the boys helped burn the palms from Palm Sunday 2024 to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday 2025.

Finally, on June 22, we held a scavenger hunt in the cemetery. It was a fun way to review lessons from the past program year, while also learning more about the cemetery and some of the people buried there.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Truax

Report since June 2025

Since Pastor Heidi's departure, the Sunday School currently had five boys attending for the second half of 2025. The class took summer break this year and classes resumed in the fall. Two parents work together to keep the program together pending arrival of new clergy.

Projects included writing letters to a Ukrainian prisoner of war being held in Russia, facilitated by the Hotchkiss for Ukraine Club at Hotchkiss School, and creating a gratitude tree for Thanksgiving, asking all of the parishioners to write things they are thankful for on leaves to decorate the tree

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Kenny.

Communications Report

Our livestream went through a major upgrade this year, but not without a few stumbles. We began the year serviced by LocalLive.tv, but around midyear they sold our portion of their business to **LiveControl.tv**. We gained considerable control over the presentation of the service and additional features that we are gradually exploring and will implement some in 2026. We experienced technical problems on our end which disrupted and/or degraded broadcast quality for several weeks. One of the issues was our stock of body microphones. Theo O'Neill brought his electrical engineering talents to diagnosing and solving the problems, permitting us to salvage one of the four body mics, which should continue to serve us for a while longer. A subsequent problem resulted from accidental damage to the encoder unit during an office move. The vendor remotely diagnosed the problem and replaced the unit.

A casualty of the change in vendors involves capture of viewership statistics. Although the former vendor provided the statistics in the format desired of TEC, the new vendor reports them in a different format that is more attractive and more informative but does not directly provide the numbers in the TEC's breakout. We have requested the vendor do whatever they are able to do to provide the numbers the way TEC wants them, but it appears that the statistics prior to the vendor switch are lost, and some newer numbers will not be available in the desired format. Total unique viewers per service (for 2025, the period June 8 thru December 28) appear at present to be as follows:

2023 – 17 viewers per service

2024 – 19 viewers per service

2025 – 16 viewers per service

When you're in church on a Sunday and you're near the front, take a moment to wave to the camera during the Peace or before or after the service. You will be waving to fellow worshippers – always in several states and occasionally on multiple continents.

Our **YouTube channel**, @trinitylimerock, has reached 103 subscribers, up from 99 last year. YouTube's future role for us is unclear, but we encourage you visit our channel on YouTube and "Like" it.

Three years ago we eliminated our presence on **Twitter** (now called "X"), and time has shown it was a good decision.

Facebook (and Instagram) – all owned by Meta -- are used to increase Trinity's visibility in the larger community. Our presences in the "Meta" world are:

--Facebook Group – 151 members (up from 142 last year)

--Facebook page -- 571 followers (up from 570).

--Gallery Facebook page – (this page is managed by Theresa Kenny and isn't available at present.) Last year it had 347 followers).

--Instagram account – Currently 1901 followers (up from 1850 last year)

Just took an eye-popping photo of Trinity, or a Trinity activity? Consider it for posting. The audiences for Instagram and the page are generally external to the Trinity family. The Group is primarily internal.

We re-did our own website, **trinitylimerock.org** to follow the fashion for current websites. The look is more minimal than the old site, and the language is sparer -- a “leaner approach.” Suggestions for improvement are always welcome – it’s a work in progress!

The **Trinity Update e-mail newsletter** appears weekly, with around 315-320 subscribers. The current open rate is around 35% and the bounce and block rate hover around 0%. Particular thanks are due to the editors, especially Michelle Sisk, for attentive week-by-week proofreading and reviews.

Zoom continues to be an accepted way of meeting at Trinity. With Bible Study on hiatus, it is currently used for the online coffee hour, Vestry meetings, and parish meetings. The Women’s AA also makes use of it. For most usages it is deployed with the Owl attached.

Print Advertising: The *Lakeville Journal* remains the principal print advertising vehicle for the parish, and we especially appreciate the editorial coverage they give us. They are a wonderful resource for the entire community.

Annual Report: The Communications Chair edits the Parish Annual Report.

Rota: The Communications Chair produces the rota of duties for the 10:30 AM services throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Brown, Communications Chair

Diocesan Convention Report

Report on the 241st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Bristol Ct. October 24-25, 2025

The theme of the Convention was Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, and Serving in Love. Each parish was given a sign to put on their grounds with this saying. Trinity Lime Rock has already placed it on the front lawn.

The Bristol Event Center is a wonderful venue and this is the second year the Annual Convention has been held there.

The voting at the Convention centered around 6 resolutions: As always the first resolution to be discussed was the annual budget of the Episcopal Church for the coming year, 2026, otherwise known as the Budget of Convention. We were taken through the details of the budget by the Treasurer of the diocese. The Convention voted to adopt the resolution regarding the budget.

The second resolution was about updating clergy compensation which has not happened for some years. This resolution was also approved unanimously.

Resolution number 3 was entitled “Revising ECCT Hiring Practices.” This loosened the rather strict rules regarding fair hiring practices to make them less cumbersome, giving the Bishop and the Mission Council more flexibility in hiring given lack of adequate racial representation for some positions within the diocese. This resolution was also adopted.

Resolutions 4 and 5 were both about mergers: St. John’s E.Windsor and Grace Episcopal Church Windsor, and St. Paul’s Bantam and Christ Church Bethlehem. Both mergers were approved and the resolution was passed.

Resolution 6 was about updating Supply Clergy compensation. Canon Rosana Rosado spoke to this resolution indicating that it had been many years since Supply Clergy had a cost of living adjustment (cola). If adopted Supply Clergy will have a cola applied every year. This resolution was also unanimously adopted.

There were also two reports given. Canon Littlepage gave a report on how to properly spend the reparations money that was voted on two years ago. There was also a report on Camp Washington entitled “The Crowded Table”.

Jim Conzo, Delegate to Convention

Pastoral Care

Thank you to the volunteers who visit elderly or infirm parishioners who are unable to attend church services. The volunteers visit parishioners at their homes or those who are living at our two nearby nursing/retirement homes: Geer Village in Canaan and Noble Horizons in Salisbury. A highlight this year was distributing Christmas Cookies to all those on the Pastoral Care list. This effort was organized by Suzanne Schindler and was a great success and much appreciated by the recipients.

Michelle Sisk sends birthday cards to all parishioners on behalf of the parish.

Respectfully Submitted
Marian K. Beers

Art Shows

2025 Trinity Lime Rock Art Show

The show was a great success with 47 artists, 14 more than last year. There were 173 entries, 57 bin and 22 small entries. 7 large paintings, 5 small works and 6 bin entries were sold. 70 people attended the reception and 60 people viewed the show in September. After all expenses apr, \$2011.04 was made.

2 judges were paid \$100.00 each. First prize winner was paid \$100.00, second prize winner was paid \$75.00 and the 3rd prize winner was paid \$50.00.

The artists were paid 70% of their sold pieces. (30% stays with Trinity) The sales tax is paid to the state by Nancy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Kenny

Historian

Although our 150th celebrations concluded in 2024, technically our 150th ended with the anniversary of our reception as a parish by the Diocese of Connecticut at the 1875 Diocesan Convention. This was a Convention proceeding, so no event was created at Trinity to celebrate it. It was marked by the end of the weekly year-by-year history articles in the *Trinity Update*.

Our next major anniversary will be our 175th, which will come up in 2098. You will need a new chairman for that one!

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Brown, Parish Historian

Outreach Ministry Reports

Trinity's Outreach Ministry is composed of numerous activities we have undertaken over the years. Some of these are longstanding traditions while others are relatively new efforts at addressing needs where Trinity can help people and organizations in our communities and elsewhere. Jim Conzo is the overall head of outreach ministries, while each individual outreach effort often is complex enough to have. What follows are the significant outreach activities that were active in 2025.

Vecinos Seguros 2

Vecinos Seguros 2 (VS2) is an organization of volunteers that helps local immigrant families impacted by ICE actions or otherwise in need. VS2 provides assistance with legal expenses or necessities like rent or groceries. Trinity is a link in the chain of support for immigrants regardless of legal status. We serve as financial fiduciary for VS2 and provide meeting space and audio/video support.

Trinity has hosted two excellent meetings: one on 3/6/25: Community Immigration Event with CT AG William Tong discussing Immigration Enforcement. There was a large crowd in attendance and William Tong gave an excellent presentation.

On 4/10/25, Attorney Glenn Formica spoke on Immigration Law. It was another very informative presentation.

On 1/25/26, VS2 will be holding another meeting at Trinity: “VS2: Reviewing What We’ve Done, Looking To The Future.”

Respectfully submitted,
Marian K. Beers

(Note: A report from VS2 is attached as an appendix)

New York Cycle Club

Many years ago, on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, Trinity was humming with the Art Show open and a tag sale in progress when a number of – perhaps 40 -- bicyclists rode up. We did not know them, and they did not know us, but they were on a lengthy ride, one rider was having mechanical problems, and they were hot and tired and hungry. We welcomed them and fed them – and they have been back virtually every Labor Day Saturday since. Their annual visit has become a tradition at Trinity and 2025 kept the tradition intact. In 2025, the Sisks, Barry Anderson, Pastor Heidi, Heather Chapman, Marilyn Anderson, Jim Conzo & Bev Becker worked the event. We had a great event sharing Walker Hall & the Guild Room with the tag sale because the weather was raining.—and still the cyclists came! On a poignant note, for our late parishioner, Jeremy Dakin, who had been a mainstay of support for the NYCC’s annual visit, it was to be his last time at Trinity.

Habitat for Humanity

From time to time, Trinity participates in builds and other projects for Habitat for Humanity, Diane Walters, who is a neighbor of the most recent Habitat house in which Trinity was involved, advises that the new family moved during February, 2025, thus completing our most recent project. We have no Habitat projects ongoing at this time.

Corner Food Pantry

Trinity has for decades contributed food to the food pantry located at St. Mary’s Church in Lakeville known as the Corner Food Pantry. Toward that end, a large wicker basket is kept in Walker Hall to collect donations, which Barry Anderson takes to the Pantry each week. Sometimes we hold a special drive to provide a boost to their supplies – we call it “Feed a Family of Four for a Day.” For such drives, families and individuals are asked to fill a grocery sack with non-perishables and bring them in for a special blessing. This year we conducted the drive between Thanksgiving and Christmas and achieved moderate results.

Tree Lighting

For the past few years Trinity has lighted one of the large spruce trees in our yard for the holiday season to encourage our neighbors in Lime Rock. This year, Perotti Tree Company handled the

decorations using their bucket ladder, and it was illuminated at a ceremony November 29, with carols by Trinity's Choir, followed by hot chocolate and donuts provided by the Lloyd family. Attendance was approximately 50, largely made up of neighbors.

Crop Hunger Walk

Trinity participated enthusiastically in the Crop Walk in late September 2025. Our financial goal for the event was \$2000, and our final total raised was \$2375, putting Team Trinity in second place for funds raised. Trinity was first among teams pre-registered with 10 walkers pre-registered, and all appeared and walked at least part of the course, which extended via the Rail Trail from the Salisbury Congregational Church to Lakeville and return. We appreciate the efforts of the Salisbury Congregationalists in organizing the walk; no small task as Trinity knows from the years when we ran it. The walk raised over \$41,800.00. 25% of the official total will be returned to the northwest corner for distribution to local food pantries and voucher programs.

Thanksgiving Dinner:

When Christ Church in Canaan closed several years ago the North Canaan community absorbed their surviving community services with one exception. Bev Becker brought the North Canaan Community Thanksgiving Dinner with her from Christ Church to Trinity. Although gradually the North Canaan community has taken over more and more of this effort in recent years, Bev continued to head the Dinner, which Bev reports in 2025 served over 150 meals, with a larger amount of food was taken down to Wangum Village than usual, so that they could have leftover dinners. Bev notes that this year Trinity parishioners Jim Conzo, Diane Walters and David Beers (and his son) helped peel vegetables and serve.

Lime Rock Park

Lime Rock Park (our across-the-road neighbors) and Trinity have a long-standing relationship. Our Rector has served as Chaplain for the track for many years, providing Invocations on major race days and offering clergy support in other ways. This year the track management came to us with a request: Attendance for their return to hosting one part of the NASCAR Truck series would yield a multiple of their usual attendance, and parking would exceed the capacity of their own facility. Could we park cars in our field that weekend? Of course we could! Under the direction of Theo O'Neill, Trinity accommodated nearly 500 cars over the Friday and Saturday of the engagement, greeting and welcoming the race fans. We would have parked more cars but we ran out of room!

Thanks to outgoing Outreach Chair Bev Becker for her years of service and for her assistance with this summary!.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Conzo, Outreach Chair

Altar Guild Report

Janet Walker handles Altar Guild duties for the 8 a.m. service. Theresa Kenny and Mike Cuoco perform these duties for the 10:30 a.m. service. Arthur Ford assists when needed.

In addition, the Altar Guild hosted a silver polishing party before Easter with several diligent polishers present.

The Altar Guild seeks more members so the workload is spread among more people and so that we have flexibility to deal with absences and illnesses. The training is on-the-job, assisting a present Altar Guild member; no new member is on their own until they are confident that they can do the job correctly and confidently. Please see either Theresa or Mike if you would like to learn more.

Thanks to outgoing Altar Guild Chair Bev. Becker for her years of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Cuoco, Altar Guild Chair

Hospitality Report

A huge thank you to our hospitality volunteers who provide delicious sweet and savory food during coffee hour after the church service and at our potluck gatherings. Trinity has always been known for its good food which adds to its welcoming and warm atmosphere.

Respectfully Submitted
Marian K. Beers

Music Report

The Music Ministry at Trinity Church in 2025

The music ministry successfully navigated a challenging landscape in 2025. This past year, as we all are aware, was a year of change, goodbyes, and many deep losses. It meant that the music ministry had to be present in a way that I had not yet experienced in the last 24 years. We provided music for seven funeral services at Trinity, sang at one graveside service, and we joined

the congregational choirs of Salisbury and Norfolk, CT for another memorial service. Our own Ukrainian choir member Kateryna Chernyavskaya left to reunite with her family back home; our dear friend and former choir member Martha Nesbitt died unexpectedly; Lisa Keller, our choir member over several years passed away as well; and so did other dear friends in our parish and community. It seems like most of what we engaged with outside the regular Sunday worship, was attempting to provide hope, uplift, and a way to express care for, and honor the memory of beloved individuals through music. And of course Pastor Heidi, our leader and great supporter over so many years, went on to retirement. Preparing to honor her with music was a joy for all. Singing the hymns and music she liked most, focused us on expressing gratitude for the way she supported the musical worship at Trinity Church always.

Thank you to our Parish Choir for their continued service to Trinity Church! Trinity Church is blessed with a small but very dedicated group of wonderful musicians who regularly sing at our services each Sunday, all year long. Their dedication and the joy they bring with them to our rehearsals and services are vital to the quality of music we enjoy on a weekly basis. Our choir singers are the leaders of our musical worship, singing hymns in parts, service music, chanting psalms, and performing anthems. The music helps to mark the liturgical seasons, and contributes to the overall spiritual path of our Episcopal tradition by changing from contemplative to extroverted, quiet to loud, faster or slower paced, and of course through the different texts featured. The choir meets every Wednesday for an hour and half to two hours to rehearse. (That plus rehearsals on all Sunday mornings is about 100 hours a year, on average, just in rehearsal time!)

Thank you to our Guest Singers and Instrumentalists who added their skills and talents to our services. While some of them are compensated, they mostly come from far away, and they too put in many volunteer hours each year. Thanks to the generosity of some of our parishioners, we enjoyed some of the professional guest musicians throughout the year, and specially also at some of the Memorial Services.

Trinity Church is also blessed with a congregation that sings! From the organ bench on Sundays I hear your singing, and it is wonderful that you do. It makes the music ministry complete and meaningful. One of our guest Ministers said to me that she was absolutely delighted by the way our choir and congregation sing, and that she felt inspired to worship in singing with us!

Our facilities continue to be used for performances by Crescendo. Crescendo holds rehearsals, workshops and training, and importantly performances that fill every single seat in our beautiful sanctuary. It is my hope that the music we offer here at the church will bring music lovers to our parish, and also will nurture a new generation of musicians. The ten-year-old step grandchild of our former Ukrainian choir member played piano for the first time at our Christmas Eve prelude. For the girl it was the first time ever to practice and perform at a real concert instrument, and the awe in her face showed me how much that meant to her. Twelve family members and friends came to hear her. As always, the music that we perform with

Crescendo, and the musicians we collaborate with, flows back into our services. Five of our eight choir members are active Crescendo singers. Practically all of our guest singers and instrumentalists are from Crescendo.

Parish Choir Regulars: Linda Lloyd, Kathy Drake, Mary Sullivan, Kateryna Chernyavská (till January only), Gordon Gustafson, Tom Schindler, John Lloyd, Richard Dawson; **Occasional Parish Singers:** Pat Barton (solo), Mary Priestman, Emma Sisk – youth soloist, Randy Orzano (solo). **The Guest Choristers** were 36 singers from Crescendo (18 *soloists-paid, 18 amateur): Christiane Olson*, Donna Castaner*, Jordan Rose Lee*, Peter Perkins*, Jim Barrett*, Amy Eisen*, Matthew Kreta*, Jennifer Oberto Tyo*, Christiana Montalbano*, Maja Gray*, Scott Patrick*, Sarah Bleasdale*, Kevin Ray*, Douglas Schmolze*, Margaret O'Brien*, Ram Tysoe*, Laura Evans*, Jermaine Woodard*, Roberta Roll, Sarah Melcher, Isabel Rooney, Gay Tucker, Michael Wise, Camilla Fallon, Susan Pettee, Andy Kettler, Louise Brown, Joy Wyatt, Susan Francisco, Adrian Anderson, Richard Vreeland, Emily Elliot, Peggy Heck, Maureen Bateman, Jay Crawford-Kelly, Diane Crawford-Kelly. **Guest Instrumentalists:** Tricia van Oers, Recorder; Christa Patton, harp and recorder; Rodrigo Tarraza, flute; Gonzalo Cortés, quena, zampoña, and bombo; Carlos Boltes, charango and viola; Scott Hill, guitar; Jens Larsen, trumpet; Amy Vinisko, organ (accompanist and substitute); Stephen Main, organ and harp; Alan Murchie, piano.

The music selection ranged from Medieval Organum, Gregorian Chant, Renaissance Polyphony, Baroque motets, choruses and arias, Romantic and English anthems, to Andean and African World Music, American Folk Songs and Spirituals, Contemporary Christian and even World War II and Light Opera. Some of the composers featured were: • Renaissance: Hieronymus Praetorius, Orlando Gibbons, Thomas Tallis, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Lucas Ruiz de Ribayaz • Baroque: Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frideric Handel, Antonio Vivaldi, Georg Philipp Telemann, Jan Dismas Zelenka, Marc Antoine Charpentier, John Church • Classic to Romantic: Thomas Attwood, Franz Schubert, Sir Arthur Seymour Sullivan, Charles Vincent • Contemporary Christian: Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, and Dante Bowe • 20th-21st Century: Jeremy Rawson, Babatunde Olatunji, William Beckstrand, Caitlin Foster, Robert Scholz, David M. Cherwien, Dan Forrest, Bolivian and Peruvian Folklore arranged by Elqui Trio, American Folk Music arrangements by Robert Shaw, Alice Parker, Mack Wilberg and others. • We sang my own service music, psalm settings, and hymn arrangements at many of the main services. In 2025 I composed a new hymn melody and setting (tune *Buioch* = grateful), an anthem “Milagro/Miracle”, a Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia”, six new descants, and several hymn arrangements.

Are you thinking of joining the choir? Please contact us if you are interested and your schedule allows you to attend most midweek rehearsals. You don't have to know how to read music or be a solo-quality vocalist. If you can match pitch (tell if you're singing the wrong note or not), can attend most Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday services, and you have a desire to be a part of this group, let us know! We always have a chair open.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gevert, Director of Music

Buildings and Grounds Report

Buildings and Grounds had a relatively quiet year.

The big project for the year was the renovation of the hall bathrooms. David Beers headed the project and Richard Dawson finished up with the drywall repair and painting.

Theo O’Neil donated an automatic coffee maker to the Trinity kitchen and it was plumbed in and is used each week for coffee hour after services.

Two huge trees that were leaning precariously over the parking lot entrance in front of Walker Hall were removed in the fall, leaving a safer driveway.

A ‘sanitary’ spigot was installed in the undercroft (basement) for the quarterly water inspection at the request of the Torrington Area Health district.

Several broken electrical outlets in the sanctuary were replaced.

In early December the furnace boiler in the rectory began malfunctioning and a replacement was installed.

I took the Trinity trash and recyclables to the transfer station on a weekly basis.

I would like to thank John Lloyd, Richard Dawson, David Beers and Theo O’Neil, who have helped numerous times behind the scenes when a helping hand was needed. I’m sure I have left out others but please know that I deeply appreciate your help.

Respectfully,
Gordon Gustafson
B & G chair

APPENDIX

(A report from VS2, with thanks to Jill Drew):

Vecinos Seguros 2 – Annual Report

In December, 2025, in response to a renewed federal crackdown on immigrants, a group of volunteers came together to revive Vecinos Seguros, which originally started in 2017 as a Spanish-language Mass and humanitarian outreach ministry by retired Rev. John Carter at Trinity Lime Rock. With the generous support provided by the church as our fiscal fiduciary, and our many donors, Vecinos Seguros 2 has been successful in creating a network of trusted allies to help those who may be targeted by immigration enforcement agents, taking a low-key approach that prioritizes in-person connections.

Vecinos Seguros 2 focuses on nine towns in the Northwest Corner of CT and another nine towns in nearby New York State and Massachusetts.

In our first year, we have:

- distributed a few thousand “know your rights” flyers and “red cards” to our immigrant neighbors via one-on-one contact;
- created an online presence to share a list we compiled of local legal and social resources for immigrants;
- held five public, in-person events (four at Trinity Lime Rock) to educate our neighbors and train volunteers to help protect immigrant rights;
- created and maintained a “rapid response” team throughout our rural area to confirm reported immigration actions and support those affected, including distributing a couple thousand “yellow cards” via one-on-one contact with an emergency number we maintain;
- accompanied our immigrant neighbors to court hearings;
- provided direct financial support (for legal expenses, rent, utilities) to local immigrant families in need;
- assisted employers at farms, restaurants, stores, and private homes to create a plan to protect their workers if immigration agents arrive;
- assisted the CT Farm Bureau with materials it distributed regarding ICE to all its members;
- consulted in several specific situations, helping to get immigrants in touch with lawyers or other services, including help in securing housing and distributing furniture items;
- maintained a Spanish-language social media presence to broadcast important information to affected communities;
- sent regular updates to more than 250 supporters via email;
- coordinated with local food pantries;
- coordinated with other immigrant-support organizations throughout the region and tri-state area, including BASIC/Berkshire Allies/Berkshire Immigrant Center in Massachusetts, the North East Community Center and Millerton Neighbors Group in Millerton, New Opportunities and FISH in Torrington, Danbury Unites for Immigrants, CT Students for a Dream, Hartford Deportation Defense, and other Connecticut-based organizations.

Immigration Enforcement agents, thankfully, have not yet been actively conducting raids in the Northwest Corner. Recent foundation grants have increased our ability to provide direct financial support to our immigrant neighbors. We have been concentrating on making one-on-one connections, with our volunteers making periodic in-person visits to places where many immigrants work, including those who are undocumented, checking in with workers themselves and also their employers to let them know that we are here and are a resource for them.